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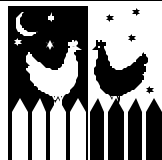
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady at best with some caution noted; however, in the Northeast, lighter weights were at least steady. Demand into all areas was only slow to fair with a scarce amount of retail ads and fast food promotions present, but not having much effect. Supplies of heavier weights were adequate to burdensome and hard to clear, but smaller sizes were in good balance. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with purchasing done only for immediate needs. Availability of wings and breast items was readily available to ample and sharply discounted, and dark meat was in good balance and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 63.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 59.00 cents last year on the 7th of June, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	
LINE RUN TENDERS	212.00
BREASTS - B/S	141.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	99.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	99.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was slow to fair, slightly better where limited features and fast food promotions were present, but overall movement still disappointing. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs with heavier weights longest. In the parts structure, breast items were fully sufficient to plentiful and difficult to clear even at lower levels. Dark meat was in good balance to close and moving well due to retail and further processing needs, and wings were at least adequate with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to fair during midweek trading. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were in good balance, but the heavier sizes were at least adequate to available at times. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was steady to fully steady on the lighter birds, about steady on the heaviest weights. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available at sharp discounts. Dark meat items, particularly drums and thighs, were clearing well. Wings were available.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Offerings of additional product were ample on heavy weight birds and balanced on lighter weight product. Demand into retail accounts was light to moderate at best with scattered features providing mixed response. Food service demand was generally light and spotty, occasionally good. Some receivers in the region are expecting demand to improve through the weekend as forecasts call for good weather and most schools are on summer break, increasing resort activity. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with weights desirable range to instances heavy. Trading on parts items remained light overall with drums fairly active and leg quarters clearing well. Supplies of breast items were plentiful, wings fully available and dark meat items balanced. The trade sentiment was steady on dark meat items and barely steady to weak on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings of local product generally adequate, out of state product adequate on small sizes and ample to burdensome on heavy weights. Surplus product offered at sharper discounts but difficult to place. Buyers interest in other than regular commitments slow to develop as they watch further market developments. Retail demand fairly good overall. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment on breasts and generally steady on balance of parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 06/02/01	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	186,707	186,505	0
CHICKS PLACED	149,855	149,543	0
*19 STATES			
EGGS SET	207,306	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	168,102	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 2, 2001. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 2, 2001. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through June 2, 2001 were 3.23 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

*FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were being published for the first time in the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19-States set a total of 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 2, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19-States placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 2, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 137.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.62 CENTS PER POUND.

JUNE 05, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 06, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	691	115.00-215.00	130-135	154.33
TENDERLOINS	42	145.00-235.00	-	192.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	73.00-82.00	-	80.35
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	129	40.50-49.00	41-42	41.87
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	467	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,668	27.00-31.00	28-30	28.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	272	81.00-98.00	90-93	94.42
WINGS (CUT)	527	98.00-114.00	102-105	108.25
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	119	76.00-97.00	-	82.20

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	801	109.00-215.00	120-125	151.02
TENDERLOINS	167	130.00-235.00	135-140	145.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	73.00-82.00	-	80.35
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	129	40.00-49.00	40-43	41.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	507	24.50-29.00	26-27	26.04
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,488	27.00-31.00	28-30	28.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	272	81.00-98.00	91-93	94.42
WINGS (CUT)	536	98.00-113.00	104-107	107.47
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	86	83.00-96.50	-	89.81

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 51.00	48.65	46.25 - 50.50	48.02	49.69

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was light during midweek trading as dealers remained very cautious and only assumed product for most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were ample and discounted. Drums and thighs were clearing well. Wings were usually available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light and disappointing, subsequently, where scattered sales were active, additional product was not needed. The market tone was weak and unsettled on breast items, about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

JUNE 05, 2001

JUNE 06, 2001

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	138.77	580,820
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.54	156,842
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	83.27	287,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	75.14	126,000
LEGS	41-42	42.05	272,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.30	736,962
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	45.61	182,214
THIGHS	36-37	44.20	163,976
B/S THIGHS	88-89	90.38	98,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	99.22	455,386
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	94,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.48	86,750
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.72	137,680

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	137.96	421,080
TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.08	128,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	82.22	275,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	69.27	198,000
LEGS	41-42	47.04	201,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.25	594,938
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	45.95	162,270
THIGHS	36-37	41.60	166,100
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.64	68,740
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	101.74	368,212
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	103,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.75	81,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.82	126,440

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	06/06	06/05	06/04	06/01	06/04
ALA	3,938	3,982	3,922	4,668	5.18
ARK	4,744	5,390	5,015	6,462	5.05
DELMARVA	2,343	2,322	2,362	2,837	5.18
KY-LA-TN	1,892	2,013	1,990	2,275	4.62
MISS	2,861	2,879	2,851	2,927	5.18
NC	2,586	2,636	2,628	3,303	6.10
TEXAS	2,395	2,361	2,371	2,316	4.83
TOTAL	20,759	21,583	21,139	24,788	5.17
MON-WED	63,689	(B)			51,160

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Jun 01 and is estimated to be 31,058,000 down 0.37 percent from a week ago and down 0.6 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,241,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 96-104
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 104-113
DUCKS	ICE PACK 113-123
	ICE PACK 98
	ICE PACK 91
	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 09-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/09/01 (1)	06/02/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	160,572 (2)	149,773
LT HENS	1,552	1,423
HVY HENS	1,463	1,256
CHECK TOTAL	163,587	152,452

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Jun-01 is 156.9 million head compared to 161.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.9 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 16-Jun-01 the estimated available is 158.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 04-Jun-01	155,116		63,545	
AM 1-May-01	143,310		63,064	
CHG	11,806		481	
PCT CHG	8		1	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/04/01	05/28/01	06/05/00	06/04/01	05/28/01	06/05/00
PACIFIC COAST	23,155	22,992	21,413	4,744	5,156	13,495
LOS ANGELES	1,839	1,640	404	2,452	2,547	4,418

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 04, 2001

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		54-58
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-65

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 06/05/01

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.65	1.30	1.07	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	5.50	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.60	1.85	1.07	MIXED FOWL ea.	4.00	4.25	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	5.50	-
BROILERS lb.	.45	1.05	.81	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.15	.80	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	3.00	8.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	3.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.15	2.55	1.67	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	5.00	8.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	11.00	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.35	-	DUCKS ea.	1.50	5.75	-
RABBITS lb.	1.55	1.90	1.63	RABBITS ea.	2.25	4.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	7.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea	8.50	11.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.00	2.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	3.25	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	2.50	5.00	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	6.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	2.50	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	2.50	3.00	-				

TOTAL COOPS 174

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending June 01, 2001

	Whole	Legs w/	Necks,Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	& Wings	Gizzards	
RAYON					
Low	77.20	158.37	103.93	19.80	3.96 42.07
High	78.19	163.32	108.88	22.27	4.95 42.07
Mostly	77.20	163.32	108.88	22.27	4.95 42.07

SAN JUAN

Low	75.22	158.37	118.78	29.69	5.94 47.02
High	77.20	173.21	128.67	39.59	7.42 47.02
Mostly	76.71	163.32	118.78	34.64	5.94 47.02

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	76.21	158.37	103.93	19.80	3.96 39.59
High	77.70	163.32	108.88	24.74	4.95 39.59
Mostly	76.71	158.37	103.93	19.80	3.96 39.59

BECERRA

Low	76.21	163.32	123.72	34.64	5.94 47.51
High	78.19	178.16	128.67	44.54	7.42 48.99
Mostly	76.71	168.26	123.72	37.12	7.42 47.51

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair and sufficient in keeping seller offerings of the 3.0 pound and lighter weights in good balance to well cleared. Heavier weights were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly boneless skinless were readily available and slow in clearing. Drums cleared well. Other leg cuts were adequate. Wings were ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING

TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED	
	U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	52-76	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.18	
NO. OF BOXES	13,492	

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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